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Applicant hereby requests a two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated May 21, 2003 in the above-identified U.S. patent application. A check in the amount of \$420.00 to cover the extension fee is enclosed.

An Amendment in response to the outstanding Office Action is being filed simultaneously herewith.

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